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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information was cited in a European Search Report dated September 1, 2005, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

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Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 07-007635, Takeshima Masahiro, relates to a feedback control for black extension correction so that a video may be viewed without black paint-out by optimum black extension correction quality corresponding to a video state in a television receiver.

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-069260, Ito Hiroyuki, relates to a television receiver by which reproduction with optimum contrast and black level is attained by automatically changing the degree of a black level extension by a black level extension circuit. The circuit is simple, based on a few components and configures based on the mean luminance level of an image.

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-244769, Nakai Kazumasa, relates to a video image with automatic contrast correction that increases a black detection level when a mean amplitude level of an input video signal is at or over a prescribed level so as to increase a black level part

to be expanded thereby emphasizing the black level.

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